possession of by the Government from the lessees and handed over to the Public Works Department;

(2) if the answer to the above question is in the negative, the reasons for the delay and the officer or officers responsible for same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) No.

(2) The delay is due to the lessees' refusal to surrender the sites voluntarily. Vigorous action, however, is being taken to evict the parties under the provisions of the Land Conservancy Regulation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The last part of my question is not answered. May I get an answer to that question?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The delay is due to the fact that the eviction has not been completed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know when the Government began to take steps in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will take some time.

Service books—Anchal Department.

134. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether all departments observe the rule that Service Books of incumbents in officiating or temporary posts should be maintained;

(2) whether the Anchal Department has begun to maintain such Service Books;

(3) if so, from when; if not, why not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) On receipt of the orders of the Government on the subject.

Vellarapilli Irrigation.

135. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the cost incurred hitherto by the Government under this head;

(b) how many acres of land are being irrigated by the above work;

(c) what is the arrangement under which water is being given if it is working;

(d) whether there is any special staff appointed for this purpose;

(e) the number and the names with the pay of the staff;

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